

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 832  
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Eulas Sargent on the celebration of his 87th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Eulas Sargent recently celebrated his 87th birthday, a milestone that commemorated another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late John and Eva Sargent, Mr. Sargent grew up on Stoney Creek; a born patriot, he answered his nation's call to duty while still a teenager and served in the United States Army until returning home in 1940; and

WHEREAS, after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and the United States entered World War II, Mr. Sargent again left the civilian life behind to take up arms and defend his country; he served with distinction in Europe in General John J. Pershing's Third Army; and

WHEREAS, following the war's end, this intrepid warrior made the admirable decision to continue his military service, and he remained in the Army for thirty years, serving also in Korea and Vietnam before taking a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Army, "Sarge" chose to continue his service by becoming a deputy in the Carter County Sheriff's Department; nearly thirty-three years and six sheriffs later, he continues to serve with acumen and alacrity, having earned the respect and admiration of his peers and the public; and

WHEREAS, by continuing his life of protecting and serving his fellow citizens, Mr. Sargent has become the oldest active law enforcement officer in Tennessee and quite possibly in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sargent is a highly respected member of his community, and he is a member of the VFW, Moose Club, and Elks Club and served in the Shrine Band for many years; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Sargent has always striven to maintain the highest level of family and community values; he shared great love and companionship with his beloved Jessie before her untimely passing, and he is the proud father of six children; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join in celebrating the 87<sup>th</sup> birthday of Eulas Sargent, thank him for his meritorious service to this state and our nation, and extend to him our best wishes for all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.